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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1956

Introduced by Assembly Member Vargas
(Coauthor: Senator Polanco)

February 14, 2002

~~An act to add Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 22520) to An act to add Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 20600) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to video arcades.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1956, as amended, Vargas. Video arcades.

Existing law regulates the operation of various types of businesses.

This bill would require a video arcade, as defined, to post a sign notifying consumers that an industry-created rating system is available to aid in the selection of a game. The bill would also require a video arcade to make a brochure available upon request to consumers explaining this system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1.—Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 22520)~~

2 *SECTION 1. Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 20600)*

3 is added to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, to
4 read:

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6 ~~CHAPTER-22:~~ 6.5. VIDEO ARCADES

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8 ~~22520.~~

9 20600. A video arcade shall post a sign that notifies
10 consumers that a video arcade game rating system, created by the
11 video arcade gaming industry, is available to aid in the selection
12 of a game. This sign shall be posted on the wall of the arcade in a
13 prominent area such as the arcade entrance, the money exchange
14 machine, or the token counter. The lettering of each sign shall be
15 printed, at a minimum, in 36-point type and shall be in black ink
16 against a light colored background, with dimensions no less than
17 18 by 24 inches.

18 ~~22521.~~

19 20601. A video arcade shall make available upon request a
20 brochure to consumers that explains the rating system described in
21 ~~Section-22520~~ 20600.

22 ~~22522.~~

23 20602. For the purposes of this chapter, “video arcade”
24 means any premises where all of the following exist:

25 (a) Minors are legally permitted to conduct business.

26 (b) Ten or more video game machines or devices are operated.

27 (c) One or more of the video game machines or devices are
28 rated “red” or five or more of the video game machines or devices
29 are rated “yellow” under the rating system created by the video
30 arcade gaming industry.

